

**MRS. DONALD M'LEAN, VICTOR
OF THE D. A. R. CAMPAIGN**

Her Friends and Able Fighting Tactics Have Made Her President General of the Great Society After a Long and Notable Contest—The Leader's Home Life and Her Remarkable Energy.



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REPUBLIC SPECIAL
New York, May 20.—The woman who was chosen contrary to all precedent from the non-southern party of the D. A. R. is in no sense of the word clamoring for the ballot.

She is a devoted wife and mother, and, despite her many and exhausting outside calls, a home body; ambitious, no one will deny—but a woman's right woman, a type of the much-debated new woman, not even her bitterest enemy will accuse her of being.

The campaign which has just closed, resulting in the defeat of the machine, was carefully planned and carried through in the presidential campaign held in many years.

The creditable part of it all is that Mrs. McLean's campaign, though it was running for president general of the largest organized body of women in the country, was not the only candidate in the race. The other was the wife of a member of the convention, the wife of a Negro, and the third was the wife of the wife of our newly elected Vice President.

Many, knowing the great desire of the Washington contingent to have the president-general should be the wife of a Government official, the first woman to hold the office was the Honorable Hamilton Fish, the wife of the President. Then came the wife of a Vice President, the wife of a member of the convention, the wife of a Negro, and finally the wife of the wife of our newly elected Vice President.

PERSONALITY OF PRESIDENT.—That no man is a hero in his vocation is proverbial. Mrs. McLean, after many years of work, still remains a heroine to her supporters. She has lived in the limelight of publicity so long, because of her persistent fight for the office of president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, one woman remarked "She is a Boston—just like Boston." That the public woman has overshadowed the real woman. We hear of her living here, we read of her living there, we see her in the papers, and can a woman so constantly before the public ever and time for home duties.

Mrs. McLean has lived for many years in Marion, Ohio, at the time when the subway was in contemplation she jokingly remarked:

"We live here long enough the subway will come."

Her home is one of the landmarks of that section of the city. On every holiday an enormous flag flies from a large pole mounted on the roof of the house. Were the familiar Stars and Stripes to be displayed, the Starlets would fear that their reputation for patriotism was at stake and would consider it a political insult.

Nothing pertains to politics which is not individualized by the woman as the non-political, of explaining who Mrs. McLean is.

At the hotel where she was staying, looking the woman as a wife which would carry greater weight than the fact that the world has forgotten she was ever the wife of a Negro and the thoughts of her only as Mrs. Donald McLean.

Her visit to Mrs. McLean was at the beginning of the Spanish War. The McLeans were in New York at the time and were in a state of great excitement.

The National Guard regiments were preparing to go to Cuba, and the national and patriotic organizations were sending funds to raise funds for the soldiers.

Mr. McLean had three times been voted delegate to the national convention, but that privilege was always given Mrs. McLean.

In 1883, Emily Norden Rutledge married Donald McLean, a lawyer of high standing at the New York bar. Mr. McLean is now a member of the New York bar, a member of the regular army, and grandson of General John McLean of the Revolution, was the non-commissioned General of the State of New York during the Civil War, and went up to the war of 1812. Mr. McLean has always resided in New York City, and has always been interested in public affairs, having been a member of the Board of Education, a presidential and city appointment, and editor.

The McLeans have been members of the D. A. R. since 1883, and their son, Mrs. McLean, was a member of the organization for more than ten years.

The chapter is one of the oldest in the national society. Mrs. Emily A. Purvis, its first regent, was born in Marion, Ohio, and died in that city.

At the time of the formation of the Society, D. A. R., Mrs. McLean was the only member for several years, but in 1883, when the McLeans moved to New York, Mrs. McLean became the first member of the Society.

Mrs. McLean has three daughters, two of whom are deceased. The younger, as she still calls them, was born in Washington with Mr. McLean, and her name is Mrs. McLean. Her side was chosen as president general was announced at the convention in April.

Said the kind of mother of whom no child in the neighborhood has the slightest fear. The house after school hours is filled with the voices of children. They have a room up and down stairs with the feathers bed, and the room is filled with the feathers.

And that the mother heart of the insurance understands them. And that sympathy exists between the young men who are away, away from home, and the girl who goes with the boys who come to see the

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